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As you requested, enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary
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For: PROCESSING APPARATUS, PROGRAM, OR SYSTEM
OF SECRET INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 as follows.

3. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein said storing circuit further has converting means for converting said secret information forming information into another secret information forming information, and

said another secret information forming information is information for allowing said secret information forming information processing means to output the same processing result as said processing result.